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Title: DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM FOR NEUROSTIMULATION THERAPY
PROGRAMMING

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated October 4, 2006, and submits the following comments.

In the reasons for allowance, the Examiner stated "[r]eceiving rating information for each delivered program relating to the efficacy of the program to control the delivery of neurostimulation in an implantable stimulator within a patient as claimed is not taught nor suggested by the prior art of record."

Applicant does not acquiesce with the implicit suggestion that the stated reason for allowance is the only reason for allowing the claims. The independent claims require combinations of a number of limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that other reasons for allowance exist.

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